



PRESS RELEASE

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Stearns Bank National Association, St. Cloud, Minnesota, Assumes All of the Deposits of First East Side Savings Bank, Tamarac, Florida

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

First East Side Savings Bank, Tamarac, Florida, was closed today by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Stearns Bank National Association, St. Cloud, Minnesota, to assume all of the deposits of First East Side Savings Bank.

The sole branch of First East Side Savings Bank will reopen on Saturday as a branch of Stearns Bank. Depositors of First East Side Savings Bank will automatically become depositors of Stearns Bank. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship in order to retain their deposit insurance coverage up to applicable limits. Customers of First East Side Savings Bank should continue to use their existing branch until they receive notice from Stearns Bank that it has completed systems changes to allow other Stearns Bank branches to process their accounts as well.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of First East Side Savings Bank can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

As of June 30, 2012, First East Side Savings Bank had approximately \$67.2 million in total assets and \$65.9 million in total deposits. In addition to assuming all of the



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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deposits of the failed bank, Stearns Bank agreed to purchase essentially all of the assets.

Customers with questions about today's transaction should call the FDIC toll-free at 1-800-823-4939. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., EDT; on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., EDT; and thereafter from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EDT. Interested parties also can visit the FDIC's Web site at <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/firsteastside.html>.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$9.1 million. Compared to other alternatives, Stearns Bank's acquisition was the least costly resolution for the FDIC's DIF. First East Side Savings Bank is the 45th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the seventh in Florida. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was GulfSouth Private Bank, Destin, earlier today.
